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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/US02/41210</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>20 December 2002</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>10 April 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>ACCESS OPENING IN VACUUM BANDAGE</b>		
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